



From the Desk of Howard
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The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Construction Edition

Welcome!

It's my pleasure to share with you a list of construction projects currently underway in District two and any anticipated completion dates. These projects may cause delays so I encourage everyone to stay informed, plan ahead and use caution when driving.

Please feel free to share this information with your neighbors. If you have any additional projects within District Two that you would like to see included within this newsletter, please email me at cball@howardcountymd.gov.



EB Rt175 Ramp off Rt29 Re-Opens!

As you may have already noticed, the exit for Rt 175 EB from Rt29 reopened on November 22. The ramp was closed as part of the Bridge Deck Overlay project which is now complete.

Bridge Deck Overlay Project Complete!

A Bridge Deck Overlay Project was underway for both EB and WB Rt175 over Rt29 and is now complete. Unmarked pavement signs are in place and temporary pavement markings will follow when weather permits.



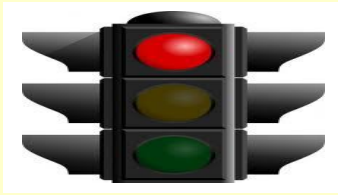
Rt 1 Intersection at Rt 175

The road construction at the intersection of Rt1 and Rt175 is now complete. While all the roadwork has been completed by BGE, there is some soil boring tests being performed along Rt1 from Rt175 to Montevideo Rd for possible future widening of Rt1.



I-95 Lighting Improvements

SHA has experienced major lighting infrastructure problems at each of the HC interchanges along I-95 that goes beyond routine maintenance operations and must be upgraded. SHA recently awarded a contract for this work with a scheduled Notice to Proceed date of January 2012.



Shipley's Grant Traffic Signal!

In an effort to improve the safety of residents travelling along Rt 108 near the Shipley's Grant community, construction of a new traffic signal is underway. First, the road will need to be slightly widened and new road markings will need to be painted.

The contractor is in the process of completing necessary road work for the signal and intersection to be functional. Given weather conditions, completion is expected late spring 2012.



Rt 1 Sidewalk Construction

In my effort to increase walkability throughout District 2, I'm happy to announce a capital project (C-0285) which will include the construction of a sidewalk at two locations along Rt1: Dorsey Run Rd and Troy Hill Dr.

Rt1 at Dorsey Run Rd: Approximately 300ft of sidewalk will be constructed on the east side (near Wendys). We are still awaiting right of way access before for sidewalk construction on the west side can begin.

Rt1 at Troy Hill Dr: Approximately 1,500 feet of sidewalk will be constructed on the west side of Rt1 between Ducketts Lane and Troy Hill Drive.

Weather permitting, this project should be complete by the **end of November**.



Rt 29 Widening Project

The Rt 29 NB widening project research is currently underway. SHA has divided this project into two phases: Phase I will include the section of Rt 29 N of Rt 32 ending at Rt 175 and phase II will extend from the Middle Patuxent River to just north of Rt 32 encompassing the River's Edge intersection.

It's important to note that this project has NOT received funding for construction. Therefore, there is no estimated time to begin or complete construction. I'll keep you informed as additional information becomes available.



Rt175 Storm Drain Rehab

SHA will be completing a storm drain rehabilitation project in the median between Tamar Dr and Dobbin Rd. Weather permitting, it should be complete by the end of 2011

Thank You For Following Along!

I hope you have found this information useful as you plan for your daily commutes. Again, exercise caution when travelling through these construction zones and plan for delays.

All the best,

Calvin Ball

Howard County Council Chairman

"There is nothing to make you like other human beings so much as doing things for them." *Zora Neale Hurston*~